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Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of a Supplementary Partial European Search Report in connection with an European Patent Application corresponding to the above-identified application. Also enclosed are copies of the documents cited in this Supplementary Partial European Search Report. Further enclosed is a Form PTO/SB/08A and B, listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with the present submission of the enclosed documents. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents; and subsequent thereto, issuance of a U. S. Patent based upon the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 501.37465C10).

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